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# FROM WHERE I SIT...

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... the ending is often a return to the beginning.

As I come to the end of my time here as president of Padua Franciscan and this last reflection for the *Paduan* magazine, I am mindful of the words of the English poet T.S. Eliot in his composition *Four Quartets*. The fourth quartet is the poem *Little Gidding* which contains the lines:

*What we call the beginning is often the end*

*And to make an end is to make a beginning.*

*The end is where we start from.*

*And the end of all our exploring*

*Will be to arrive where we started*

*And know the place for the first time.*

In preparation for this reflection, I went back to the "beginning" – the first year of my role as president, and the reflections which I wrote for the *Paduan* at that time. And I found that the themes which were the focus of my reflection then are indeed the themes that have been most in my mind and heart as I come to this time of "ending."

In that first issue of the *Paduan* for which I wrote in the fall of 2003, I reflected on the excitement and the adventure of this new role, stating:

*...this is what I want to say to you most of all, and what I want you to understand especially: how aware I am of what has been given over to my care – the people and the mission of Padua Franciscan High School. How grateful I am and how committed I am to the service of this marvelous and wonderful gift!*

*I will admit that, if I think about this only with regard to myself and the responsibility that is mine, then all of this can be a bit overwhelming and cause for not a little fear and trepidation. But when I reflect on all of this in the light of who we really are as one Padua Franciscan community,*

*I am much relieved. I welcome, I need, and I depend upon your support, your encouragement, your wisdom and insight, your experience, your energy, your involvement. It is not my Padua Franciscan High School; it is **ours**. We are all of us – students and faculty, staff and administrators, parents and families, alumni and alumnae, friends and benefactors – all of us partners together in this marvelous endeavor.*

So now in 2013, as I hand on to others what had been given to my care, I am especially aware of all who have been my partners in these past years, and I am deeply and thankfully conscious of that truth that Bruins are always **better together!**

In the winter of 2004, I wrote:

*... always at the very center, at the very heart of all that we do is vision and perspective, and the challenge to keep our focus. For Saint Francis it seemed so simple, so easy, so straight-to-the-point: **to follow the teaching and the footprints of our Lord, Jesus Christ.** For Saint Anthony of Padua it was equally succinct: **to learn and teach while never extinguishing the spirit of prayer and devotion.***

*As a Catholic and Franciscan place of learning, have we shared, are we sharing the light of the gospel, the inspiration of Francis and Clare and Anthony that provide that center, that vision? Are we helping those who come to us **to follow the teaching and the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ?** to be involved in the variety of activities and events of daily life **while never extinguishing the spirit of prayer and devotion?***

As I look back over the ten years since writing those lines, I hope that I have helped our Padua Franciscan community in some small way to keep that focus, to follow that vision, and to live those ideals. And I trust that this will continue to be the commitment that is at the heart of all that Padua Franciscan is and does each day in all the years ahead.

And, finally, in the summer of 2004, my reflection was based on this thought:

*...cultivating and living out of a spirit of gratitude and appreciation is perhaps our most important and, at times, our most challenging endeavor.*

*Thankfulness is certainly at the heart of the Christian life... Francis of Assisi certainly understood this central truth and lived out of that spirit. His life of poverty and simplicity was founded on the deep and abiding realization that everything – absolutely everything that we have and are – is God's gift. The joy and the peace that permeate the mind and heart, the words and actions of Francis of Assisi come from his unwavering confidence in the generous God who is always ready to and does indeed provide for our every need.*

And so I come to this time certainly filled with deep gratitude and appreciation – thankful for the great privilege of this ministry... thankful for the gifts and graces which the goodness of God has provided through so many persons and through countless experiences, always meeting every need... and unwaveringly confident that God will continue to watch over and care for this community and its daily work.

Indeed, as T.S. Eliot says, it has been my experience that to come to the end is to arrive where I started. And just so, for Padua Franciscan and for myself *...to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.* For me, the ending is full of thankfulness. May our beginnings be filled with God's blessings of peace and everything good – always.



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*Fr. Ted, O.F.M.*

Fr. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M., President



# DREAMS

DO COME TRUE

BY PAMELA J. WILLITS

Among Jennifer (Melchior '88) Hansen's earliest memories is at age four, driving through a snowstorm with her family to see Snow White on the big screen. Today, a figurine of the seven dwarfs sits perched on the bookcase in her office at Radio Disney.

"You wouldn't say I was fanatical about Disney as a child, but I am now. I love what I do here," Hansen said.

And her career path is evidence of that, having been promoted this year from executive director of sales to vice president of ad sales.

A silver Mickey Mouse pin adorns her royal blue blouse lapel. "I wear a piece of Disney jewelry everyday, even on the weekends, to remind me of the brand I represent," said Hansen.





ehind her desk, a black and white poster of Walt Disney fills the wall. To paraphrase Hansen's favorite Walt Disney quote - You can dream...but first it requires people to make that dream a reality. And the pathway to her dream job has been paved with people and opportunities to guide her along.

## LIFE AT PADUA

As a 1988 Padua graduate, Hansen was one of those students who loved school and embraced all it had to offer. She was a member of Key Club, the National Honor Society, and the French Club. She played guitar at Mass and sang in the choir.

Padua colors run in the family, as Hansen's father, Bill Melchior, was a member of the first graduating class, back in 1965. Hansen, herself, holds the distinction of being the first daughter of an alumnus to attend Padua. "I loved Padua. A lot of who I am and the work ethic I have comes from my parents and my years at Padua," Hansen said.

"My time at Padua challenged me to think and ask questions. I was never shy. My parents always encouraged me to speak my mind and put myself out there," Hansen said. And what better place to do so than the stage? After landing the lead in the high school theatre production of *Our Town*, Hansen went on to play in *Godspell* and *Camelot* at local theatres including the Greenbrier and The Royalton Players.

## A MIND FOR BUSINESS

In 1991, Hansen graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College, with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in business. "I originally thought I wanted to be a psychologist, but after taking a business course, I became intrigued with the psychology behind business," Hansen said.

She obtained her degree in 2.5 years, while working full time as a counter manager for Estée Lauder, in Dillard's department store. Responsible for hiring and training sales staff and driving revenue, she created new sales events resulting in increased revenue for the make-up and skin care giant.

## A MOVE SOUTH

Marrying soon after, she and her first husband moved to Montgomery, Alabama. Here Hansen had the opportunity to put her psychology education to use in the non-profit sector.

From 1993-1995, she held the position of associate director of development for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, helping



with fundraising efforts, developing revenue plans and budgets, and managing over 100 volunteers.

In 1995, at twenty-six years old, she became the executive director of the Montgomery Ballet. During that time, the Ballet Pensacola also retained Hansen to develop their annual fundraising strategy.

By 1996, Hansen came to understand the phrase 'there's not a lot of profit in nonprofit' and began to look for her next career move. "No one is going to give it to you, you have to make your own destiny," said Hansen.

## DESTINY FOUND

The de-regulation of radio stations had brought great changes to the broadcast industry. "It opened up the market to buyers across the board," said Hansen, who saw her next move when a local Montgomery media company posted a position for sales account executive.

With her sales and fundraising background, Hansen reasoned if she could ask for a donation, and in return give a well-written thank you note and smile, she could probably sell radio. She learned quickly and soon moved on to a position as regional sales manager for another local broadcast company.

In 1997, with her career in radio sales in full swing, Hansen remarried. With experience in launching a new station, training sales staff and overseeing revenue budgets and forecasts, it was just a matter of time before opportunity came knocking again.

## THE JOURNEY HOME

When a position as station manager for Radio Disney Cleveland opened up in 2000, Hansen knew it was time to go home. Not surprisingly, by 2004 her sales and management skills saw her promoted to regional director, overseeing operations for Radio Disney stations across the northeastern United States.

What's different about life at Radio Disney from her previous radio positions? While serving clients to the best of her ability has remained a constant, Hansen says the difference is in the market. "It's not so much about the medium, but the process. I'm providing them access to a unique audience," said Hansen.

Driven by the 5,000 countrywide events they host annually, Radio Disney creates a consumer reach that extends beyond the airwaves. Events range from appearances at baseball games and local fairs, to events staged at area malls and zoos.

Advertisers are all about reaching that family audience. “Our true claim is our ability to work hand in hand with our partners,” Hansen said. “Here in Cleveland, we have great partnerships with the Cleveland Indians and the Cleveland Zoo.”

It's no surprise that Radio Disney has a family based audience. Their sweet spot is the 9 to 11 year olds or tweens, whose majority of listening time is had within the confines of the family vehicle, with Mom (or Dad) at the wheel.

And with such a young audience comes great responsibility. “There’s always a balance between what the sponsor may want and maintaining the integrity of the Disney brand,” said Hansen. Sponsors range from mass retail giants to wireless providers, and from auto dealerships to healthcare institutions. When working with a client, Hansen said she looks for the mutual win – helping the client achieve their objectives, while making sure it feels right for the Disney brand.

With concerns over today’s lifestyle choices, Radio Disney implements fun health and fitness programs that inspire healthier lifestyles in support of Disney’s Magic of Healthy Living, an initiative designed to partner with parents to inspire kids to lead healthier lifestyles. By providing engaging content and useful tools, their healthy living initiative makes nutritious eating and physical activity more appealing and fun.

## YOUR MUSIC, YOUR WAY

Located at 1260 on the AM dial in Cleveland (frequency of former WIXY radio of the 60s and 70s), Radio Disney offers listeners much more than music. And while Great Lakes Mall may be an unlikely venue for a beach party, that’s exactly the type of entertainment that keeps bringing the kids back for more. A chance to hang out with the Radio Disney Road Crew, participate in games and activities, and have their pictures taken against a beach backdrop, draws an audience for an evening of good, clean fun. Crossing mediums, this event also helped create buzz for the premiere of Teen Beach Movie, which aired exclusively on the Disney Channel.

Launched in 1996, Radio Disney is the #1, 24-hour radio network devoted to kids, tweens and families, and can be found in markets across the country from Boston to Atlanta, Sacramento to Indianapolis, and Detroit to Houston. Kids help pick the music that is played and are encouraged to interact. With a toll-free call in request line, a Top-30 Countdown posted on their website, and a Friday Night Talent Show, which allows callers to phone in and sing tunes karaoke style, the Radio Disney tagline - Your Music, Your Way – says it all.

“Appealing to kids and moms alike, Radio Disney is a part of pop culture,” said Hansen. From today’s pop icons Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez to the Mom’s Throw Back! Sweepstakes featuring music sensation Boyz II Men, it’s a brand that product sponsors want to engage.

## LEANING IN - HER CAREER, HER WAY

Facebook’s COO Sheryl Sandberg’s recent release of *Lean In*, a manifesto on women and the workplace, has drawn attention to the work-life balance issues that keep many women from realizing their full career potential.

Hansen, whose workday starts with checking email at 6:30 a.m. and may end at 10:00 p.m. with a phone call from anywhere in the country, is no stranger to the challenges of finding balance, as her work takes her across four time zones.

Following her promotion earlier this year, her new duties as vice president of ad sales for the Radio Disney Station Group include the management of 300+ people, leading sales strategy and driving advertising revenue for all of their stations across the country. And with new duties, comes more travel. Monthly trips to New York, meetings in Burbank, California, every other month, and visits to all the markets in between make for a fulfilling, yet demanding job.

Whether she’s speaking to new staff, overseeing client initiatives or providing sales training, Hansen’s sales philosophy can be seen throughout her daily dealings. “It’s not about the project, but about the person I’m speaking with – how can I help them reach their goal or potential?”

As Sandberg offers a blueprint for women striving to reach their potential as industry leaders in the corporate world, Hansen enjoys imparting her sales knowledge to help others grow their careers. “Women do exceptionally well in radio, from sales to management,” said Hansen. Instilling in others the ability to follow their gut instinct when working with potential sponsorship clients, as well as developing a feeling for whether the consumer will understand the client’s message, are areas where Hansen excels.

Hansen believes that directing sales teams is like steering a ship - a slight shift in course will set you moving in a whole new direction. “With our sales teams dispersed across the country, it’s important to feel a connection to the company. My interaction with our teams bridges that distance – nothing replaces eye to eye interaction,” Hansen said.

While her copy of *Lean In* sits on her nightstand at home, awaiting time to be read, Hansen has already embraced many of Sandberg’s ideals. Take your rightful place at the table, take risks that stretch your abilities, and make your life partner your career partner as well.



**“YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN DESTINY”**









## “ANYONE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL WHEN THEY PUT THEIR MIND TO IT.”

Sandberg holds the belief that for women to be more empowered at work, men must become more engaged at home. Hansen would agree. “My husband is my sounding board. He’s very supportive - I couldn’t do what I do without him.”

### THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

While radio sales can be a cutthroat industry, Hansen says that’s not so at Radio Disney. She attributes the success most find at Disney to the company’s culture. While the sales team as a whole is spread out across the country, there’s a sense of team spirit. “It’s a viral community – there’s lots of help available to any sales member who asks,” Hansen said.

Hansen says she’s started to see generational differences in how her sales team looks for prospects. While seasoned professionals might still look to the newspaper, for the younger set it’s all about social media. “LinkedIn has changed their world,” said Hansen.

What’s the one common thread for success at Radio Disney? “They have to come in the door with the want to,” said Hansen. “Anyone can be successful when they put their mind to it.” In today’s business world, where there seems to be a growing sense of entitlement, Hansen is quick to point out that the business world is still a two-way street. “You have to bring something to the party.”

Hansen certainly practices what she preaches. Starting this September, she’ll be enrolled in the MBA program at MIT in Boston. Course work will require her to be on campus every three weeks for Friday and Saturday classes and once every six months for a whole week of classes. “I realized I missed learning,” said Hansen. “I think it’s important to seize the opportunity to continue to learn and grow.” And it’s no surprise that Disney is supportive of her ambition, for Walt Disney himself embodied the spirit of wonder and curiosity.

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## EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

From the first drawings, penned in 1928, of the iconic Disney symbol Mickey Mouse, technology has moved us forward at a speed that even Walt Disney could not have imagined. From streaming music online at RadioDisney.com to the Radio Disney iPhone and Android apps, the company quickly adopted emerging technology, as its growing audience became more tech savvy.

With Radio Disney's web presence, listeners can log in online to request songs, or phone in their requests toll free. They can then choose to continue listening online or over the AM radio dial. Radio Disney is also available on the iTunes radio tuner, as well as on Sirius XM satellite radio — Channel 79, both in the United States and Canada.

Regardless of which medium they choose, the goal is to draw listeners with quality content. "Our focus is on the content, not where or how our listeners engage with that content," said Hansen.

From websites to social media, Disney would have been enchanted by the possibilities.

Or perhaps he would have seen a need to balance the new with the old. As is true with most things in life, finding balance can be the true key to success.

## FINDING BALANCE

Life within the wonderful world of Disney may be a long way from the make-up counter at Dillard's department store, but the drive to be the best she can be, at work or play, is at the core of all Hansen's successes.

When she's not at the office or traveling for work purposes, Hansen is home with her Newfoundland dogs, or on the road headed to a dog show. Fully supportive of her career and canine companions alike, sales of her husband's photographs of the dogs help support canine cancer research.



Hansen and her husband first encountered Newfoundlands at a Disney event.

Originally bred as working dogs for fishermen in the Dominion of Newfoundland, now part of Canada, this large canine breed is known for its water rescue and draft skills.

After numerous visits to a top breeder, conveniently located in Cleveland, the Hansens had a serious case of puppy love.

That was eight years ago. Today, they own three show-quality dogs. In the world of design and architecture, it's said that balance is best achieved in sets of three. Perhaps the same can be said when looking for balance in life. "They're my kids," said Hansen, as she glanced towards a photograph of the threesome displayed on her desk.



# ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE...

## *Fr. Allan DaCorte, O.F.M.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Fr. Allan became president of Padua Franciscan on July 1, 2013.*

Can we help to introduce you to Cleveland? Have you ever been to an Indians game? Where do you live? Do you speak Italian? What will we discuss at the 8:00am meeting? Where did you grow up? Have you ever run a business? Will you be at the prom? Who is this new kid on the block and what is he going to do at Padua?

I have been peppered with these questions, and many others as well, since my arrival here on March 1. But I have also been offered a welcome beyond what I expected, a welcome that speaks highly of the familial and community spirit that permeates the walls of Padua Franciscan. A change in leadership always causes some uncertainty and edginess, so allow me to share with you a little of who I am.

I grew up on the south side of Chicago, in the "baddest part of town" as the song reminds us. I played many sports in high school and college, my favorite being the goal keeper in hockey. I'm afraid if I'd ever try to get back on the ice today the EMTs would carry me off!! I'm a card-carrying, life-long Cubs fan looking forward to a repeat of the last winning World Series of 1908. Both of my parents are in heaven, and I have one sibling, a brother who is married with three children. My only living aunt is now 99 years old!

I have been a Franciscan Friar for more than 44 years and a priest for 36, ordained in 1977. My first assignment took me to Quincy Notre-Dame High School, in Quincy, Illinois, as its chaplain and religion teacher. After two years I was asked to accept ministries which serve the needs of the Friars, such as rector of our seminary, director of our discernment

programs which guide young men into our way of life, and treasurer of the Sacred Heart Province (13 years). I was the president of the National Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutes for 2 years and a pastor in Joliet, Illinois, for a number of years. I was called to work in our General administration in Rome, Italy, for three years as the Assistant Treasurer General for the whole Franciscan Order until coming to Padua in March.

I traveled extensively during those years in Rome. Some of the more interesting spots might include China, Tibet, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, Aruba, Mexico, Switzerland, Communist Poland, England and Ireland. God has watched over me and blessed me over the years with some wonderful ministries and challenges, and now none the least being the community of Padua Franciscan.

This descriptive nutshell identifies some of who I am and what I'm about. I bring my gifts and talents to Padua with a three-pronged agenda of strengthening the Spirituality, Community, and Mission of Padua Franciscan. In my brief time among you I've identified a number of areas that need our attention and I trust Padua Franciscan can count on your generosity and time. I've been directed over and over to "contact us if you should need our help"...and this obedient friar will follow your lead!

I've encountered many dedicated folks willing to work with me, the administration, teachers and staff of this great alma mater so we can grow this institution of academics and Christian-Franciscan values. Thanks for your warm welcomes... and now there is work to be done! Peace and all that is good!

*Fr. Allan, O.F.M.*



# THE RENOVATION *of the Padua Franciscan Gymnasium*

## BE A PART OF IT!

Aside from a wooden floor installed in 1991, the gym is pretty much the way it was when the school opened in 1961... except that the original wooden bleachers are badly cracked, and their steel framing screams and groans when opened. On a good day, you can pull them open all the way. The lighting and sound systems need to be replaced with 21st Century technology. The walls and ceiling need a bright coat of paint (you can still see the original color in some places), and the facing around the stage (proscenium) has taken one too many hits from baseballs escaping the batting practice nets. For a place that hosts dozens of performances, liturgies, and sporting events each year, it certainly is in need of a complete renovation! That complete make-



over is now underway with scheduled completion in August.

The total price tag of the renovation project exceeds \$160,000...and will include new lighting, sound system,

floor refinishing, painting, stage re-facing and new bleachers. Padua is offering alumni, parents, and friends an opportunity to put their mark on this historic facelift of "the Bruin Den."

## OWN A PIECE OF IT!

- The names of those contributing \$100 or more to the renovation will be listed on a handsome wall plaque to be installed on the gymnasium wall.
- In addition, those providing \$500 or more will receive a personalized 9" x 9" commemorative plaque made from an original piece of the Padua gymnasium bleachers, in constant use since 1961! If you are an alumnus, you recall the countless hours spent sitting on those hard boards, during assemblies, games, liturgies, and performances... from orientation to graduation, the gym was a central focus of your Padua experience.



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

*Contributions to the Padua Gymnasium Renovation Project and plaque orders can be made at [PaduaFranciscan.com/gymnasium](http://PaduaFranciscan.com/gymnasium).*



# BRUIN LOGO *Puts on New Face*



## *The Bruin is evolving...*

Since 1961, the symbol of the Padua Bruins has changed four times. In an effort to make the logo more versatile for use on uniforms, clothing, print, and in digital formats, the bear has undergone its latest transformation. The art is in keeping with mascot designs now favored by professional and college teams. The first major application of the new logo will be in August when it is emblazoned on the newly refurbished gymnasium floor.

“Our goal was to develop a logo that was uniquely Padua Franciscan, not an adaptation of a design already used by other schools, either on the secondary or university level,” says **Jerry Jindra '70**, vice president of Institutional Advancement. The new Padua Bruins logo is now also a trademark of the school.

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## *In for a Tweet?*

Attention, Alumni! Do you “like” us? Receive the tweets? View YouTube? We are working very hard to keep you informed through our social media outlets. It is the best way to keep track of what is going on and get the scoop before anyone else. Have a question? We answer it. Need information on upcoming events? We post it. Want to check out our videos? Click play. Make sure you find us online and stay informed on all the happenings at Padua!



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The Padua Bruin has undergone several changes in 51 years.

# FR. TED HAAG, O.F.M., *Celebrates End of Term*

*On May 19, the Padua community celebrated the closure of Fr. Haag's tenure as the fourth president of the school with a Mass and brunch held in his honor. As the administrative and spiritual leader of Padua Franciscan, the event was an appropriate, symbolic end to his past twelve years; two years working in Campus Ministry and ten as president of the institution.*

During his presidency, Padua has seen many advances, the most notable being the creation of the MedTrack program. Other improvements occurring under his leadership include:

- The installation of stadium lighting
- Construction of the underground wrestling room
- Transformation of the former AV room into an interactive media center
- Acquisition of the 19 acres of Camp Cord and subsequent creation of soccer/lacrosse fields
- Introduction of wireless internet access throughout the campus
- Air conditioning of the student cafeteria
- New biology lab
- Campus signage, including new electronic marquee
- Installation of the prayer garden
- Renovation of the gymnasium



These are just a few of the accomplishments, although other improvements and renovations are evident throughout the building and grounds. Fr. Ted was also instrumental for dramatic increases in student financial aid programs, a topic very close to his heart.

For this reason and in honor of his decade of leadership, the Fr. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M., Financial Aid Fund was created. Administered by the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust, this perpetual source of income will be used to make a Padua education possible for many young people who could not otherwise afford full tuition.

*Contributions to this fund may be sent to Padua Franciscan High School, 6740 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134. Please make checks payable to: Padua Endowment, and indicate Fr. Ted Fund on the memo line.*

**ABOVE:** At the recent Bruin Benefit, David Zavagno '72 helped to initiate the Fr. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M., Financial Aid Fund with a leadership gift of his own. Soon thereafter, several other significant contributions were pledged. By the time the May 19th Mass and brunch celebrating Fr. Ted's tenure was over, the total of pledges and contributions totaled \$160,000.



# Student/Faculty News:



**Tony Becker '13** was an Academic All Star from Ohio Lottery. The Partners in Education Academic All Star Award recognizes K-12 students who have exhibited academic achievement, community involvement, citizenship, and leadership in and out of the classroom.

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**Anna Bialosky '14** was given the Yale Book Award by the Yale Alumni Association of Greater Cleveland. This award goes to a student who exhibits outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

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**Alexis Willoughby '14** took first place, for the second year in a row, in the Parma Rotary 4-Way Speech contest. Competing against representatives from all of the Parma-area high schools, her win marks the 5th year in a row that Padua Franciscan High School has won the event.

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**Alexis Nieszczur '14** was a scholarship semi-finalist for the 5th annual Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out! essay contest. More than 1,600 students from seven counties shared their solutions to stop hatred. All submitted essays were read and scored by more than 200 community volunteers. She also had two winning entries in this year's LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Art & Essay Contest! They had over 3,500 entries. She won the computer art and essay categories.

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**David Stec '86** and Matt Harley traveled to the Dominican Republic with Padua students and Saint Ambrose Parish in Brunswick.

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Alexandra Frech was recognized in Ohio Magazine for the 2013 Excellence in Education Award. She also received her master of library and information science degree from Kent State University.

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**Brandon Woods '14** was given the St. Bonaventure Theology Award. The award goes to a student who has demonstrated a strong academic performance in theology or religion classes and has a genuine interest in theology as a field of study in college.

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**Rachel Yurchisin '13** was a recipient of the Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory scholarship fund. She was one of the few scholarships awarded annually at the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day to outstanding high school research projects.

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Br. Tom Carroll, O.F.M. and Brenda Kuvin traveled with 13 students to Germany. They toured the country and then spent time in Padua's sister school in Osnabruck. Br. Tom will also be doing Mission Appeals in New Hampshire.

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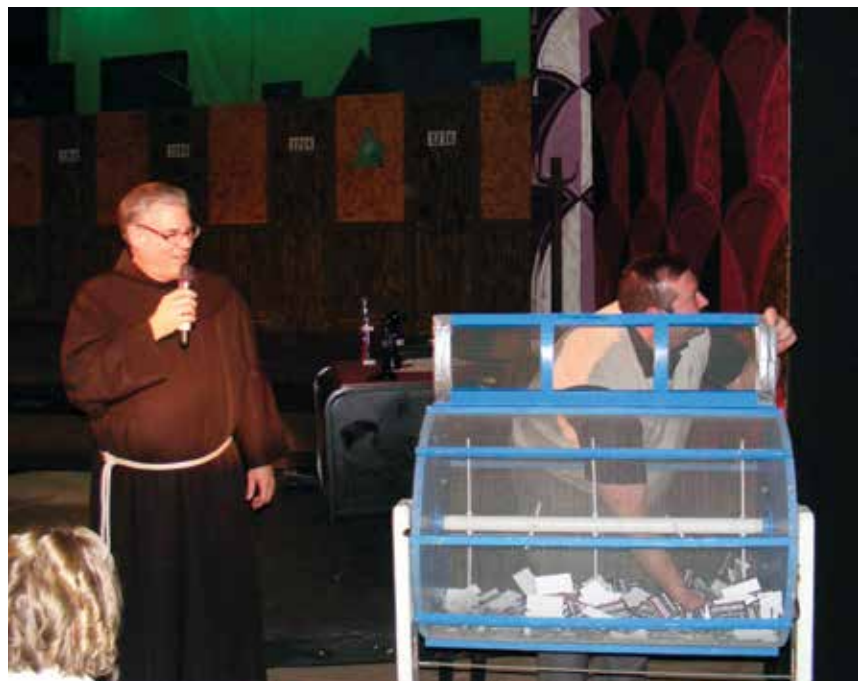
## Raffle '13 Drives Home Chevy Cruze

For the past three years, Serpentine Chevrolet and the Chevy Network have donated a current model Cruze to Padua for raffle, with the stipulation that the proceeds benefit a wide range of students. Since 2011, these efforts have netted more than \$100,000 for financial aid and capital improvements.

This year's raffle grossed more than \$40,000. The income will be used to help defray the cost of the renovation of the gymnasium (see page 12), supplement Padua's financial aid program, and boost the efforts of the school's parent and alumni programs.

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The drawing for a 2013 Chevy Cruze was held May 5 during intermission of the fall musical production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. The winning ticket was purchased by Edward Hace Jr. of Strongsville. Principal Dave Stec '86 is shown pulling the winning entry as Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M., watches.



# MEDTRACK<sup>®</sup> HONORED *for Curriculum Innovation*



Padua Franciscan High School's MedTrack program was named a 2013 recipient of the Innovations in Catholic Education award by Today's Catholic Teacher magazine. Padua joins 11 other Catholic schools nationwide that received this award in April at a banquet attended by principal **David Stec '86** and MedTrack director **Laurie Keco Grabowski '89**. "I am so proud of all the hard work that has gone into this program which strengthens Padua's fifty-year tradition of academic excellence," said Principal Stec.

Padua's MedTrack program, now in its fourth year, was honored for curriculum and instruction. "MedTrack has expanded my horizons both spiritually and scientifically. I am learning so much about what healthcare means from a Franciscan perspective, plus I love the camaraderie my classmates and I have developed through our shared experiences. The extra effort required to graduate from the program has been totally worth it," said senior **Nick Mog**, who is the recipient of the first-ever MedTrack Award. Currently, 100 students are members of this unique program.

## *Did You Know? MedTrack Pays Off!*

The 20 seniors who make up the inaugural MedTrack class have earned nearly \$3.2 million in non-need-based scholarships, encompassing offers from all schools for four years. Students were accepted to a variety of competitive pharmacy, physical therapy, and pre-professional programs (including medical, dental, and veterinary), both in and out of Ohio. Valedictorian **Isabelle Hanna**, a member of this inaugural MedTrack class, will be attending Vanderbilt University to study molecular biology. The seniors are looking forward to continuing their involvement in the program as mentors.



# NICK MOG '13:

## *MedTrack Award Recipient*

The newly established MedTrack Award is given to the one senior who best embodies the qualities of the MedTrack program. The criteria for the award include the student's academic performance (particularly in the honors advanced science seminar and bioethics class), classroom and program leadership, completion of MedTrack requirements, attitude, and a demonstrated commitment to both the MedTrack program and the healthcare profession. **Nick Mog '13** was honored as the first recipient of this award. MedTrack director, Laurie Grabowski, highlighted Nick's attitude as critical to his selection by a committee of seven faculty and staff members. During the MedTrack senior celebration, she said, "The way Nick approaches this program is the way he approaches everything in life – with dedication, with humbleness, with generosity of spirit, with pride, with passion, and with thankfulness to those around him." Nick aspires to a career in sports medicine and has accepted a scholarship to attend John Carroll University in the fall.



## THE NEXT GENERATION

### *of Padua Students*

Padua faculty member Jim Roth and his wife Maureen, a member of Padua's MedTrack Advisory Board, recently established the Roth Family Fund within the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust. Jim and Maureen initially considered a variety of projects to which they could direct their donation. However, they ultimately decided that the Endowment was the most important to them, so that a Padua education can remain within reach for the next generation of students.

"I also like the fact that our kids - **Tyler '13**, **Colleen '14**, and **Lauren '18** – can all add to the fund after they become financially established. It can grow with each generation of our own family as well," said Maureen.



As a result of this gift, Jim and Maureen will be inducted into the Friar Club at the annual dinner in November.

If you are interested in establishing a fund within the Endowment or becoming a member of the Friar Club, please contact **Jerry Jindra '70**, **Rob Holz '90**, or **Laurie Keco Grabowski '89** at 440-845-8224.

# HARVARD PROFESSOR TOM EISENMANN '75

## *Delivers Commencement Address*



*“If you can’t fail, you can’t learn.  
And if you can’t learn, you can’t improve.”*

A 1975 graduate of Padua Franciscan, **Thomas R. Eisenmann** is the Howard H. Stevenson Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School and Faculty Co-Chair of the HBS Rock Center for Entrepreneurship. He also has studied what it takes to be a success, and sometimes that involves failure. This was the topic of his address to the Class of 2013 during Commencement exercises on May 31.

In his remarks entitled *You Can Fail Better*, Tom recalled his own confrontations with failure, beginning with being benched and then quitting the Padua baseball team:

“Failure came into sharper focus for me years later when I started studying entrepreneurs. I learned that running from failure, like I did at Padua, is a common response. Our egos are easily bruised, so we often avoid situations where we might fail. But the best entrepreneurs are different. They seek out new challenges and view failure as a necessary part of the learning process. If you can’t fail, you can’t learn. And if you can’t learn, you can’t improve.

Professor Eisenmann received his doctorate in business administration ('98), MBA ('83), and BA ('79) from Harvard University. Prior to entering the HBS Doctoral Program, Eisenmann spent eleven years as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company, where he was co-head of the Media and Entertainment Practice. Eisenmann currently serves as a director on the boards of Harvard Business Publishing and Harvard Student Agencies, the world’s largest student-run corporation.

“If you want to fail better, accepting risk is just half the battle. The other half is learning from our mistakes. As Henry Ford said, ‘The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.’... So, Class of 2013, I hope you find great happiness and success. But I hope you embrace failure, too, as a path to improvement. And I hope you’ll live by the words of the playwright Samuel Beckett: “Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.”

*The full text of the commencement address can be found on the homepage of [PaduaFranciscan.com](http://PaduaFranciscan.com)*

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**Tom Eisenmann '75, professor at Harvard's Business School and entrepreneurship instructor, delivers his Commencement address to graduates of Padua Franciscan.**



# ALUMNI CALENDAR

## What's Happening Through March 2014

Alumni News

**JULY 26**

### FOOTBALL HELMET CLUB GOLF OUTING

Support the Bruin football program by joining us for this four-person scramble at Ridgewood Golf Course on Friday, July 26, at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are \$100/person and can be made payable to Padua and mailed to the attention of Coach **Tony Shuman '91**. For sponsorship opportunities, e-mail [tshuman@paduafranciscan.com](mailto:tshuman@paduafranciscan.com).

**AUGUST 2**

### HOCKEY GOLF OUTING

The Padua hockey program will host their annual outing Friday, August 2, at Pine Hills Golf Club. Contact [bruin.alumni@hotmail.com](mailto:bruin.alumni@hotmail.com) for information and sponsorship opportunities.

**OCTOBER 17**

### HALL OF FAME INDUCTION RECEPTION

Join us as we honor the 5th induction class of the Padua Franciscan HOF on Thursday, October 17, at St. Michael's Woodside.



**OCTOBER 18**

### HOMECOMING FOR ALUMNI AND FAMILIES

Homecoming for alumni families is Friday, October 18, as the Bruins take on Lake Catholic at Padua Stadium (7:00 p.m. game). The Padua Alumni Association welcomes all alumni families to our hospitality area for complimentary food and drink beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 28**

### 3RD ANNUAL RED, WHITE & BREW'N

The Alumni Association Red, White & Brew'n will take place on Friday, February 28, from 7-9:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Tickets for this beer and wine tasting event will go on sale in January of next year.



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents  
**red, white, and brew'n**  
An experience of wine, beer, and food.

**For more information on any of these events, e-mail [RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com](mailto:RHolz@PaduaFranciscan.com) or call 440-845-2444, ext. 106.**

## Reunions in the News

### CLASS OF 1993 - 20 YEARS

The Class of '93 will be celebrating their 20-year class reunion with a dinner, Mass, and family picnic on July 20 and 21. Invitations have been mailed to all class members. If you have not received one or require more information, please call the Padua Alumni Office.

### CLASS OF 1988 - 25 YEARS

Members of the Class of '88 will gather for a daytime picnic from 11am-2pm on Saturday, July 27, at Independence Park (children welcome). There will also be an event at Padua from 7pm - 11pm in the school cafeteria.





# RED, WHITE & BREW'N ... *An Alumni Association Favorite*



Padua Franciscan Alumni Association Presents...  
**red, white, and brew'n**  
An experience of wine, beer, and food.

The Padua Alumni Association presented their 3rd annual Red, White & Brew'n event in the school gymnasium this past March 1 to a sold-out crowd of 350 people. The annual RWB consists of a two-hour wine and craft beer tasting along with several food stations. The event also includes 50/50 raffle boards and other fundraising opportunities. Proceeds from this event help the Alumni Association continue their efforts to providing financial assistance to sons and daughters of Padua alums who are in financial need.

"If you have never attended this event, make sure you mark it on your calendar for next year," said **Brian Heinzerling '86**, Alumni Association co-chairperson. "What makes this event unique (and fun) is the fact that our volunteers on the food and beverage side are all Padua alumni.

Special thanks to **Chris McKim '78** (The Brew Kettle), **Ed Ripepi '88** (Verso) and the following volunteers for providing their time and expertise at the wine tasting: **Mike Campo '75**, **Jeff Tkachik '88**, **Chris Raymont '99** and **Mike Frantz '04**.

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Next year's event is scheduled to take place on Friday, February 28, from 7-9:00 p.m., and only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Ticket information will be available in January.





# BRUIN BENEFIT '13

## *Reaches Record-Breaking Success*

*Alumni News*

Bruins are Better Together was the theme for this past spring's Bruin Benefit dinner/auction on Saturday, April 13. Thanks to the enormous outpouring of generosity, this year's event netted a record-breaking \$215,000 for student financial assistance. Plans

are already underway for next year's event scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Bruin Benefit needs your enthusiastic support to ensure our success. Volunteer committees are now being formed in the areas of gift and guest recruitment.

For more information on how you can be involved or to join the Bruin Benefit planning committee, please e-mail [rhoz@paduafranciscan.com](mailto:rhoz@paduafranciscan.com).





# HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

## *Set For October 17th*

*The Padua Franciscan High School Hall of Fame was established in 2001 to recognize those who have contributed to the success of Padua or the Padua community in some significant way. Padua is currently taking nominations for the fifth induction with the induction reception set to take place on Thursday, October 17, at St. Michael's Woodside. Members of the Padua community can submit nominees through July 10 by e-mailing [rholtz@paduafranciscan.com](mailto:rholtz@paduafranciscan.com).*

### NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES WILL BE ACCEPTED:

#### ATHLETIC AWARD

This is awarded to the male or female alum who either excelled in one or more sports while at Padua OR made a major impact to the school's athletic program or to local sports leading to the enhancement of Padua's image. Candidates could also include former coaches who may or may not be a graduate of Padua. Candidates (with the exception of coaches) must have graduated a minimum of five years prior to being considered. The candidate should demonstrate ongoing concern and loyalty to Padua Franciscan High School.

#### OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS/A AWARD

This is awarded to the male or female alum who has made a major impact either in service to Padua, service to the community, or achievement in their chosen field of work.

#### PADUA PARTNER AWARD

Awarded to a non-alumnus (parent, friend of Padua, etc.) who has made or is making a major contribution to Padua through volunteerism or other service.

#### FRANCISCAN MEDAL AWARD

Award given to the individual (or company) who has actively worked toward the advancement of education of young people at Padua or in the Parma area. The candidate should possess a record of community service, community leadership, volunteerism, and have actively worked to promote the quality of life in Parma and the surrounding suburbs.

## *Padua Gratefully Recognizes Tom Hamzik '13*

If you have enjoyed following Padua athletics on-line and via Twitter, you can thank Padua graduating senior **Tom Hamzik**. Over the past two years Tom has written more than 300 articles about Padua sports, nearly all of which have been published on [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com). Tom has been a tremendous asset to the entire Padua community. He has issued more than 18,000 Tweets, keeping his 742 followers up to date on every athletic event he covers. Recently he was

awarded the prestigious Philip W. Porter Scholarship awarded annually by the Cleveland Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists to the outstanding high school journalist in Northeast Ohio. He will be using the scholarship when attending Elon University in North Carolina where he will continue his training in journalism. On behalf of the entire Padua Franciscan community, THANK YOU, Tom, for your tireless efforts promoting Padua athletics.







## SPORTS *Notables*

### *Dan Molls '09 signs with the San Diego Chargers.*

Less than four years after graduating from Padua, **Dan Molls** has signed a contract with the San Diego Chargers of the NFL. Molls, 22 of North Royalton, was picked up by the Chargers as a priority free agent shortly after the conclusion of the NFL Draft.



Molls, a linebacker, earned countless honors during his Padua career before going on to lead college football in tackles this past season at Toledo. Over his four years at Padua, he was named First Team All-Ohio twice, All-District First Team and All-North Coast League First Team three times each, and was even named North Coast League MVP.

"I'm extremely excited to be going to San Diego," said Molls. "The coaches gave me a great feeling. They run a 3-4 scheme which is a good fit for me. It's a great organization and great city. I'm really looking forward to this opportunity."

"The whole week leading up to it, San Diego had been calling a lot," said Molls. "They made it very evident that they wanted me to join their team." "I knew going in, I had a slight chance of getting picked up," he continued, noting that he didn't even watch the draft on TV. "I had seven teams with offers, and San Diego was a situation I couldn't pass up. It was the best fit for me and the best chance to make the team." With the contract, Molls is guaranteed a spot at training camp, but nothing after that is guaranteed. Molls is currently in San Diego and rooming with former Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o.



### *Padua Figure Skaters Claim Another State Championship*

This year's Ohio High School Team Figure Skating Championships came down to the final event of the weekend, but in the end it was the Bruins of Padua claiming their fourth State Title in six years, holding off perennial power Shaker Heights.

"It's probably the best one that we've won because we were the underdogs going in," said Padua senior **Cassandra Hipkins**. "We have a lot of underclassmen on the team and 7th and 8th graders. We only have 13 people opposed to the 24 of Shaker."

Hipkins along with **Alexandra Kay**

and **Andriana Nativio** are the lone seniors for the Bruins. Those three are joined by junior **Alexandra D'Amico**; sophomores **Marissa Impala** and **Michaela Pinzone**; freshmen **Angela Graham**, **Courtney Kriausky**, **Andrew Spagnola**, and **Janelle Spagnola**; 8th Graders Kara Buhar and Laura Senkar, and 7th Grader Jessica Monaghan.

The title marks the sixth straight year Padua has placed either first or second as a team. The Bruins won it all in 2008, 2010, and 2011 as well, in addition to placing second in 2009 and 2012.

### *Tyler Ptacek '13 breaks all-time school scoring record*

Just moments into his senior basketball season, **Tyler Ptacek** made it known that this would be a special year, scoring his 1,000th career point less than a minute into a game at Valley Forge.

On February 15, he took special to a whole new level by netting the 1,332nd point of his career, breaking Padua's all-time school scoring record originally set by **Ken Kowal '67** in 1967.

"I wish he was only a freshman," said Padua head coach Jake Lantz of Ptacek with a laugh. "Truthfully, that's years of hard work and dedication. It's a testimony to him. That record stood for a long time, and I don't know if that one will be broken for another 40 years. It's hard work in the offseason that got him that record."

He will attend the University of Evansville next year.

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# SCHMOTZER-ISMS

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*By: Mark Haselden | Morning News, Florence, South Carolina*

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HARTSVILLE — If Dan Schmotzer is lyin', he's dyin'. The Coker College men's basketball coach has many stories about his twin brother Dave who coaches the Cobras' baseball program. But he has one in particular that he loves and he swears it's true.

Dan says the brothers were playing summer baseball in the early 1970s in a league sponsored by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, their hometown newspaper. Dave had tied the league's single-season stolen base record and was poised to break it. And sure enough, the next time he got on base, he swiped second. It might have been one of the easiest stolen bases ever, because the ball got away from the catcher and Dave made it safely without a throw.

That was too easy for Dave's teammates, who heckled him from the dugout because he broke the record on a play that wasn't clean. "We were all like, 'You can't count that!'" Dan said. In true Schmotzer fashion, Dave wasn't going to take that without doing something about it. So on the next pitch or so, he stole another base. Not third base, but first. "Then on the next pitch, he steals second the right way and he looked at us and said, 'Told ya,'" Dan said. "That really happened, and to this day, it's one of the funniest things

I've ever seen. It was ridiculous." Any one who finds that story hard to believe probably doesn't know Dave Schmotzer all that well. If anyone might pull such a stunt, it's him.

Guaranteed, he didn't do it to be funny. More likely, he did it just to show something to anyone who doubted him. It's not cockiness, but simply a tough quality he possesses, the same one he tries to instill in his baseball team these days.

The Cobras have displayed that toughness over the past month on a magical run to the Conference Carolinas tournament championship and the Division II Southeast Regional title. They begin play in the D-II National Finals on Sunday in Cary, N.C.

It's a long way from Cleveland of the 1960s and Dave's playing days at Padua Franciscan High School. He was the shortstop and Dan was the second baseman, a twin killing combination in a literal sense. They both played baseball and basketball in high school and in college at St. Edward's (another of the eight finalists in Cary, by the way) in Austin, Texas, before returning to their hometown in search of a job.

They found a couple at Trinity High School, a Catholic school in the Cleveland

suburb of Garfield Heights.

"We graduated from college and didn't know what we wanted to do," Dave said. "Man, we were neophytes. We were children of the '60s, still trying to figure out where we parked the car." The principal, Sister Catherine (Britton) said, "OK, which one of you wants to coach basketball and which one of you wants to coach baseball?" We didn't know, so we flipped a coin. Dan won and picked basketball, so I coached baseball, and we were each other's assistant."

At that point, Dave said he still had no idea he would end up making a career out of coaching. But over the next few years, he figured out he liked what he was doing. Then he got the itch to see if he could do it at a higher level. Dan left Trinity first, getting a job as a basketball graduate assistant at Texas Christian University. About a year later, Dave said he got a call from his brother to tell him there was a baseball job open if he wanted it.

Dave jumped at the chance and stayed at TCU for about a decade. The Horned Frogs were then playing in the old Southwest Conference. Schmotzer remembers playing against a Texas team coached by Cliff Gustafson, who had a pitching staff consisting of future major leaguers Roger



Clemens, Calvin Schiraldi and Bruce Ruffin. "I was like, 'Wow, look at this baseball,'" Schmotzer said. "And you start to think maybe you can do this on your own."

He left TCU for Union College in Barbourville, Ky., where he stayed for three seasons as baseball coach and athletic director. Again, Dan had already left TCU for Coker and one day called his brother to tell him about a job opportunity in Hartsville. Coker was just starting a baseball program and Dave had the opportunity to build something from scratch.

Dave recruited for a year before the Cobras hit the field in NAIA, and the program got off to a fast start. The 1993 team won 32 games, and the '94 went 48-12, advancing to the NAIA World Series. The next season, the Cobras came close to making the World Series again. After a move to the NCAA, though, things turned south for the program. A good year here or there were sprinkled in with way too many bad ones.

"We went from progression to regression," Dave said. "You believe in what you do. You're dotting the i every day. You're the first to get there and the last to leave, but you're not getting those wins like you used to."

"You take that home and it just kills you, man. It just turns your stomach because you've got to deal with all that crap. You've got to deal with unhappiness, not only from your players but from people who want to know what's going on here."

But now ...

"We've climbed the mountain again," Dave said. "It's humbling and it's satisfying. You taste it again and you remember how proud you used to be." Alumni from past teams, especially from the 1994 squad, have been calling and sending messages left and right since the Cobras' regional victory, and even before. "I can't keep up with it. It's unbelievable," Dave said.

The 1994 year obviously brings back fond memories. Not just the winning, but some people, including two who are no longer around. Dave and Dan both said their parents, mom Laverne and dad Ray — especially Ray — were both influential figures. Both are now deceased. Ray knew a little something about baseball, too, having coached at St. Edward's in 1974 and '75, Dan said. "I remember Dad coming down to watch that '94 team," Dave said. "Very few people are going to have an influence in your life. They don't have enough time for you or you don't want to listen to that crap."

"But your dad, you listen to. It was your dad that made you who you are. My dad

was a shining light and he still is."

There were others. At Padua Franciscan, the Schmotzers were coached by Chuck Priefer, who went on to assistant coaching positions in college at Miami (Ohio), North Carolina, Kent State and Georgia Tech and in the NFL with the Packers, Chargers and Lions. "He's the guy who instilled a no-nonsense approach to preparation and application," Dave said. "He was hard on Dan and me." Dave, too, is hard on his players. And they love it. If practice isn't going particularly well, he might stop the workout and chew them out for a couple of minutes. But he doesn't mind listening, either.

"He'll respect your opinion and take it to heart," senior catcher Frank Suarez said. "You can talk to him at any time and he always has an answer for everything."

Of course, "He's a bit of a loudmouth, but ...," Suarez said, laughing.

Talkative, a bit sarcastic, wisecracking — it's a side of Schmotzer his players seem to like. He can take it, but he can dish it, too. "He has a spunk that he can come back at you with something and you don't know what he said," Suarez said.

Anyone who plays for him has to get used to Schmotzerisms. Here are a few, translated by Suarez:

"Show me the baby."

Suarez: "That's what he says when he just wants you to get the job done."

"I can get a fat man in a blue suit across the street to try."

Suarez: "He's saying don't just give effort. He wants the best you have and he wants it right every single time."

"Get into the microwave."

Suarez: "I don't really know what that means."

Schmotzer does have a way with words, and they often have something to do with food. A reporter calling him up for an interview often doesn't even have to ask a question to get the conversation started. Case in point, take a couple of days before the Cobras went to Mount Olive, N.C., for the regional. The phone rings, Schmotzer answers, and after the obligatory exchange of pleasantries, he offers this up:

"I'm staring at the biggest jar of apple-sauce you ever could see. We all eat the same apple sauce and we're just trying to eat more apple sauce than the rest of those guys."

And yes, he does have a big jar of apple-sauce in his office, for what it's worth.

And this, on Coker's success being a "bill-

board," as he puts it, for the college and for the athletic program: "It's an awesome salad to eat."

Schmotzer himself gets a chuckle out of the things he says sometimes. But all he knows is this: If winning baseball games really is like eating, the Cobras are still chowing down, and they're in the middle of the main course. Will they make it to dessert?

"There're eight teams left in the country," Schmotzer said. "Coker College is one of them. Let's go see where it falls."

## EDITORS NOTE:

*Dave Schmotzer, like his twin brother Dan were stand-out athletes on both the baseball field and basketball court at Padua from 1966-70. Both were inducted in Padua Franciscan's Hall of Fame in 2010.*

## SENIOR (CLASS OF 2013) COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

- Tyler Ptacek (*Basketball*)  
University of Evansville
- Matt Bahnij (*Soccer*)  
University of Rhode Island
- Chris Link (*Basketball*)  
Kenyon College
- Brian Kornowski (*Football*)  
John Carroll University
- Jimmy Duman (*Football*)  
St Francis University (PA)
- Lea Walsh (*Rugby*)  
Notre Dame College
- Jenna Boyne (*Soccer*)  
Gannon University
- Renee Kraft (*Cross Country, Track*)  
Ohio Northern University
- Nick Dzurnak (*Lacrosse*)  
Walsh University

## JUNIOR (CLASS OF 2014) COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

- Sarah Peterson (*Volleyball*)  
Indiana State University
- Gina Kilner (*Volleyball*)  
Cleveland State University
- Jenna Veres (*Volleyball*)  
St. Francis University (PA)
- Emily Marcinowski (*Volleyball*)  
St. Francis University (PA)

## PADUA FAMILY MOURNS LOSS OF *JJ Marino '08*

**Joseph "JJ" Marino '08**, a Kent State University senior accounting major, was tragically killed in an automobile accident in Alabama on March 30 while returning from Spring Break. On Easter Sunday, more than 90 of his friends, hockey teammates, and other classmates spontaneously gathered at Padua Franciscan to focus on his life and memory. They contacted Fr. Ted Haag, O.F.M., inviting him to join with them in prayer.

and strength, of comfort and hope, a place of God's abiding presence and peace."

Recently, as a result of the kindness and initiative of the Shevchuk family, The J.J. Marino Financial Aid Fund was established. Designed to benefit Padua students who share the same interests as JJ and who are in need of tuition assistance, the fund will be administered by the Padua Franciscan High School Endowment Trust.

Those wishing to contribute to this fund may send donations to: Padua Franciscan Endowment, 6740 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134. Indicate J.J. Marino Fund in memo. The family will be notified of your thoughtfulness.



## COUNSELOR & COACH *Remembering Joe Vadini*

Joe Vadini made a tremendous impact not only on Padua students during his time here as guidance counselor and coach from 1984-1993, but on thousands of other northeast Ohio youth he coached and mentored. This was evidenced by the swarm of family and friends who came to pay their last respects during his passing this past April. Vadini was Padua's defensive coordinator for the football team beginning in 1984, but his impressive coaching career began in the 1960s. Perhaps most notably, this included a state championship under his guidance at Brecksville High School in 1983.

Bishop Roger Gries, of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, was called upon to give Vadini's eulogy. Gries and Vadini were close through his active involvement at Holy Family Church where Gries was once a priest.

## IN MEMORIAM

Susan Bernauer, mother of **David '12**

Rita Boncela, mother of **Jonathan '89** and **Jessica '94**

Ruth Bradac, mother of **Martin '83** and **Bill '85**

Olga Britz, mother of **Don '74**

Margaret Burtzlaff, mother of **Tom '75**, **Kevin '76**, and **James '78**

Janice Cavoli, mother of **Robert '88**

Bernard Cesar, father of **Bernard '75**

Catherine Cielec, daughter of **Lawrence '74** and niece of **Greg '76**

Dwight Cohagan, father of **Perry '89** and **Amy '92**

Lewis Davidson, father of **Kerry '73** and **Keith '87**

Josephine Ferris, mother of **Ellis '70** and **Bruce '75**

Ruth Fulgenzi, mother of **Peter '74**

Alice Glaser, mother of **Damian '79**, grandmother of **Jennifer '96**, **Michelle '99**, **Daniel '03 Glaser**, and **Colleen Scharf '12**

Geraldine Gutbrod, mother of **John '72** and **Jim '75**

Patricia Haritonovich, mother of **Cameron '14**

**Daniel Hazel '67**, September 2, 2012

**David Hegedus '71**, September 18, 2012

Justina Hewko, mother of **Michael '76**

Thomas Higgins II, brother of **Dennis '65**

Bruce Houdek, brother of **Frank '75**, **Paul '81**, **Rich '83 (RIP)**, and **Kathy '89**; brother-in-law of **John Hertelendy '83**

Albert Incorvaia, father of **Mario '90**, **Carla '92**, **Dante '94**, **Rico '97**, and **Andrea '97**

**Thomas Jurcak '83**, June 1, 2013, father of **Gabrielle '13** and brother of **Ron '80**

Janice Kaplan, mother of **Gerald '71** and **Jeffrey '76**, grandmother of **Nathan '01**

Anthony Kashi, brother of **Nick '16**

Larry Kiffer, father of **Jerome '70**

John Koval, father of **John '74** and **James '80**

Antoni and Jane Kukawka, parents of **John '79** and **Richard '84**

Robert Lazzaro, father of **Skip '71** and **Matt '76**

Eric Lewis, husband of **Theresa Fradette '87**; brother-in-law of **Francis '96**

**JJ Marino '08**, March 31, 2013, brother of **Allyson '02** and **Michael '05**

Marie Miller, mother of **Jeff '75** and **Mark '77**; grandmother of **Andrew '04**, **Michael '07**, and **Alaina '13**

Michele Mordarski, wife of **Bernie '76**

Stanley Pajka, father of **Ralph '70** and **Stan '83**

George Pandrea, father of **Octavian '92**

Kenneth Paulus, father of **John '81**

James Pelagalli, father of **James '74**, **David '77**, **Rodger '79**, **Thomas '81**, **Brian '85**, and **Daniel '86**

Raymond Pellow, father of **Christopher '89**

Barbara Piccolo, mother of **Joe '90**

Rita Popelmayer, mother of **Robert '70** and **James '71**; grandmother of **Kim '96**, **Brian '98**, and **Michael '03**

Lenore Schapel, mother of **Renee '87**, **Jill '89**, and **Randy '92**; mother-in-law of **Sharon Johnson '92**

Ann Strazar, mother of **Jim '71** and **Tony '77**

**Scott Voigt '74**, January 4, 2013, brother of **Tim '71**, **Travers '72**, and **Patrick '76**

Donald Willey, father of **Lisa '96** and **Denise '98**





# Somethin' Bruin

1987

**Sean Skinner** started an independent insurance agency in Parma that offers auto, home, business, and life insurance.

1989

Named 2012 Woman of the Year by the American Biographical Institute for her contributions in the field of music education, **Sherry Sefcik-Ellis** was recently elected vice president of the Ohio Strong Teachers Association.

1995

In recognition of his contributions on behalf of students with disabilities at Shiloh Middle School, **Joe Raso** was awarded the 2013 Educator Achievement Award.

1997

**BIRTHS:** Carter Jameson born to **Sarah (Stolkowski)** and **John Uhrin** on April 3.

Ohio Wesleyan University has instituted the **Matthew A. Capone** Offensive Player

of the Year Award to be given annually to a deserving player. Matt was given the opportunity to hand the award to the first recipient this year.

**Jaime Ramsay** married Todd Webster last December on the beach in St. Croix. She's lived in Baltimore for 10 years and will be graduating from Johns Hopkins University this December with an M.S. in environmental science and policy.

1999

In May 2012, **Anne Marie Popiel** was granted her Ph.D. in Germanic languages and literatures from Washington University in St. Louis' Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She currently resides in Berlin, Germany, where she edits and translates academic publications and dissertations for several major universities and research institutes.

2003

**BIRTHS:** Benjamin Joseph born to **Jen (Herold)** and **Rob Jarowski** in November. Rob is a financial analyst at PNC Bank, and Jen is an occupational therapist for the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

2004

Recording his personal best time of 2:35:26, **Aaron Apathy** placed 7th overall at the Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon in April.



BENJAMIN JOSEPH



CARTER JAMESON



2005

**Paul Lehman** married Cara Capuiso in June 2012.

2006

**Patrick Evans** has received a full scholarship to Case Western Law School, one of ten applicants to do so.

**Jennifer Baranek** married Kyle Thobe on June 15. They reside in Columbus where Jenny is a 7th grade language arts teacher after graduating from the University of Toledo with degrees in English and education.

2007

Wittenberg University graduate, **Sheila Herlihy**, is spending her second year with the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry working with St. Paul Parish and its ministries in Wilmington, Delaware. FVM is an organization of lay people whose members live together in faith and community as they minister to those in need.

2009

Recently graduated from The University of North Carolina School of the Arts, **Jake LaGuardia** earned the opportunity to work on two major motion pictures in the cinematography department. He was then offered a job for the movie *Las Vegas* which will open in the theaters on Christmas Day this year. He has also co-written his first movie and will be directing it as well.



Clockwise from top left: Benjamin Joseph, Aaron Apathy, Kaitlyn Leary, **CHERRY: Wholesome Family Eatery**, Jennifer Baranek + Kyle Thobe and Carter Jameson

**Natalie Benos**, a recent Interior Architecture graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art was awarded a \$1,500 prize in recognition of her detailed concepts for a family friendly restaurant she titled **CHERRY: Wholesome Family Eatery**.

2010

**Kaitlyn Leary** will join USA Volleyball on its 48-player roster for the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Senior A2 Program that will train and compete this summer in Dallas.



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